

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/WMD INCIDENT SUPPORT PLAN**

The Idaho Hazardous Materials/WMD Incident Command and Response Support Plan is created to provide an efficient coordinated response to spills, accidents, or other incidents involving a weapon of mass destruction, or the release (or potential release) of hazardous chemical, biological, or radiological materials, including petroleum products and hazardous wastes. Incidents covered by the plan include both transportation and fixed location spills or releases, and also emergency incidents involving abandoned materials. All toxic, hazardous, and dangerous materials are covered by the plan.

Because response to hazardous material or WMD incidents cannot be handled adequately by any single agency or level of government, coordinated effort of all responsible agencies within the state is required. The signatories of this document, in consideration of the following mutual promises and covenants, agree and understand that:

1. The Idaho Hazardous Materials/WMD Incident Command and Response Support Plan shall coordinate activity among local-level and signatory agencies to protect the public health and environment during and following a hazardous materials/WMD incident. The plan shall coordinate with and give precedence to local Emergency Operations Plans.
2. The Plan shall be updated at least annually under the direction of a committee chaired by the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security. The committee shall be composed of the signatories of this Memorandum of Understanding or their representatives.
3. Implementation of the plan at the time of an incident shall be accomplished through notification of State Comm at **1-800-632-8000, or 208-846-7610**. StateComm will notify the appropriate agencies and serve as the primary communication link during the response. StateComm should be notified of all incidents, whether or not the plan is to be implemented.
4. A designated person or team from each signatory agency will be trained and available for responding to accidents involving hazardous materials within the agency jurisdiction.
5. The Incident Commander shall be the designated response officer or official responding to an incident. This person must be fully trained and knowledgeable in the Incident Command System. Normally the Incident Commander will be the local fire chief or law enforcement officer. A local jurisdiction, based on its local plan and resource assessment, may request that Idaho State Police assume incident command, particularly for incidents on interstate, U.S., and state numbered routes. The Incident Commander shall be in overall charge of all efforts at the scene.
6. The prevention of, and efficient response to spills, accidents, and other incidents shall be aided by the follow-up of incident reporting, critiques, and training.
7. It shall be the responsibility of all involved agencies to obtain appropriate emergency training for response and support personnel.
8. All signatory agencies shall participate in periodic hazardous material disaster drills/exercises.

Signatures on file with Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security